**Legislation to protect HIV/AIDS victims**

3161. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring a legislation to protect the rights of HIV/AIDS victims;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce the legislation during the current session of Parliament; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (d) The National AIDS Prevention and Control Policy states that the Government will strengthen anti-discrimination and other protective laws that protect vulnerable groups, people living with HIV/AIDS and people with disabilities from discrimination in both the private and public sectors. Deliberations with the diverse stakeholders are under way to develop a framework for comprehensive legislation to protect the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS.

**Grant-in-aid for development of State Drug Testing Laboratory for ISM in Karnataka**

3162. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned grant-in-aid during 2001-2002 for the development of State Drug Testing Laboratory for Indian Systems of Medicine in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned therefor;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has sought for the release of additional grant-in-aid for the purchase of laboratory equipment, etc.;

(d) if so, the additional amount sought for; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Grant-in-aid of Rs. 57.88 lakhs was sanctioned.

(c) Yes, Sir.